

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

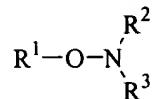
Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 19, 21, 24, 25, and 26-45 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 18 and 20 as follows:

18. (currently amended) An aqueous solution comprising a hydrogen-accepting coenzyme selected from the group consisting of NAD, NADP and derivatives thereof, and one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of organic compounds or salts thereof having a pKa value between 1.5 and 6.0, and nitrogen compounds of the formula

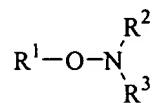


in which R¹, R² and R³ are the same or different and denote hydrogen or a saturated or unsaturated alkyl or aryl group, the solution characterized by the absence of glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase having a pH between about 2.0 and 4.0.

20. (currently amended) The solution of claim 19 18 wherein the concentration of the citric acid or citrate salt is about 5 to 200 mM.

Please add new claim 54:

54. (new) An aqueous solution comprising a hydrogen-accepting coenzyme selected from the group consisting of NAD, NADP, and derivatives thereof, one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of organic compounds or salts thereof having a pKa value between 1.5 and 6.0, and a nitrogen compound of the formula



in which R¹, R², and R³ are the same or different and denote hydrogen or a saturated or unsaturated alkyl or aryl group, the solution characterized by remaining qualitatively unchanged following storage at about 2° to 8°C for 15 months.